Production of natural gas from Bombay High

824. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of natural gas from Bombay High-,

(b) what is the percentage of this natural gas that is being supplied to the various projects in different States, Statewise;

(c) what is the demand of Maharashtra Government for natural gas; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to meet the demand for natural gas of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY^ (a) The avarage total production of natural gas from Western offshore fields, including Bombay High, during the month of July, 1990 was around 37 million cubic metres per day;

(b) 30 per cent of the western offshore gas is supplied ex-Uran Terminal to industries in Maharashtra and 34 per cent is supplied ex-Hazira Terminal in Gujarat to consumers located in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh through the HBJ Pipeline. 9.8 per cent of the offshore gas is utilised by ONGC for internal consumption and the remaining 26.2 per cent has to be flared on account of inadequate facilities for dehy-. dration, compression and transportation of this gas to onshore terminal for supply to consumers.

(c) and (d) There is demand for the supply of gas to several consumers in Maharashtra. However, availability of gas is limited by the current capacity of the pipeline and onshore terminal at Uran. Future commitments for supply of gas can be considered only after decision is taken for invesment in augmentation of processing, compression and transportation capacity of gas and the setting up of a second onshore terminal. The present commitments for supply of gas to various c6nsumers in Maharashtra State are given, in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

Statement

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	Consumers		Quanliiv (in minion) cubic metres per day
1.	Rashlriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Trombay		1-80
2.	Rashtiiya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Thai		3-00:
3.	Heavy Wa'er Project, Thai		0-15
4.	Deepak Fertilizer & Petrochemicals Ltd. Taloja		0-6G
5.	Bharat Electronics Corporation, Taloja		CC3
6.	Tata Electric Company, Tiombay		1- 50
7.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Uian		4- 5C
8.	Hindustan Copper Limited		0- 01
9.	Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex, Nagalhane		0 6Gi
10.	Bharat Petroleum Coipn. Ltd./Hindustan Petiole Ltd.	urn Corporation	0G5

Cosumers	Quantity (in million) cubio metre per day
11. C2/C3 project (ONGC) .	115
12. LFG(ONGC)	MO
13. Bombay City Distiibution .	1-50
14, Hindustan Organic Chemicals	0-15
15. Giasim .	0- 75
16. Metadi&l	001
17. Kalyani Steel .	0-75
18. Nippon Demo.	
1C& TOTAL:	18-55

Hike in kerosene price

825. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whelher Government are aware that kerosene price has shot up and is being sold in black market, and

(b) if sty what steps Government propose to te/'te to curb the price of kerosene?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHBMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Reports are received fronii time to time regarding black marketing iiif kerosene in various parts of the country.

(b) State Govei'nments/UT_s administrations, which are responsible for the retail distribution of kerosene, have been-advised to gel IT up the enforcement machinery to clieck black marketing and prevent diversion of SKQ for adulteration of pettol and diesel.

State Governments/UTs have been delegated poicei's to take action under the Essential Commodities Act. 439 R.S.—l 1

Tehri Dam Project

826. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of con struction of Tehri Dam project, and

(b) by when the Project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRl ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Infrastructural works, construction of four diversion tunnels and approach adits to the underground power house cavern havs been completed; the river was divertec in November, 1989 through the righi bank diversion tunnels. Excavation o! four headrace tunnels has been comple ted and lining work is in progress. Th< work of construction of the foundatioi of the Coffer dam upto river bed leye has also been completed.

(b) The project is scheduled to be com pleted by March, 1997.